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Applicant : Stephen G. Bales  
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Title : Lignocellulosic, Borate Filled, Thermoplastic Composites  
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels  
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Customer No. 000048373

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of August 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows"

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing on page 4 of this paper. The claims were amended after the OA and interview comments were received.

**Interview comments and Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a "marked up" Specification and Claims and a "clean sheet" Specification and Claims follows the remarks section.